

6 September 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

**Official information request W18-237**

I refer to your official information request dated 16 August 2018.

**Request:**

1. The number of patients who waited/are waiting longer than the clinically assessed timeframe for a gastroscopy from January 1 2018 to July 31 2018, and what proportion this represents. Please break this information into different priorities (such as “priority 1: more than 14 days” and “priority 2: more than 42 days” and “surveillance”). Please also provide the average and longest delays, broken down into the different priorities.
2. The number of patients who waited/are waiting longer than the clinically assessed timeframe for a colonoscopy from January 1 2018 to July 31 2018, and what proportion this represents. Please break this information into different priorities (such as “urgent”, “non-urgent” and “surveillance”). Please also provide the average and longest delays, broken down into the different priorities.
3. The number of dermatology referrals rejected in the first six months of 2018. Please state whether the patient in question was a child or adult, and what proportion of the total number of referrals those rejected represent. The information sought in this request is to be used as part of a report by the New Zealand Herald.

**Response:**

The information you have requested is below and enclosed.

1. The spreadsheet is attached – please note the Ministry of Health doesn’t monitor Gastroscopy (only colonoscopy), we have assumed the same wait times as colonoscopy. Endoscopy was managed by the Hutt until Wairarapa DHB went live with WEBPAS in February 2018. We are unable to provide surveillance without auditing every patient which would take considerable time.
2. Please see attached.
3. Wairarapa DHB doesn’t have a locally delivered Dermatology service, patients are referred directly to other DHB’s

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If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact:

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Yours sincerely



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Enclosed

- 1) Spreadsheet of Colonoscopy and Gastroscopy wait times.